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SUBJECT:JACK ANDERSON ON ACHE' INDIANS

1. JACK ANDERSON'S COLUMN OF JAN. 19 INCLUDED COMMENTS ON ACHE INDIANS IN PARAGUAY. TEXT FOLLOWS:
2. SLAVE CHILDREN-IN PARAGUAY, WEALTHY WHITES HAVE BEEN BUY-ING PRIMITIVE INDIAN CHILDREN FOR \$1.25 TO WORK IN THEIR HOMES "WHERE THEY ARE VIRTUALLY SLAVES AND A CURIOSITY FOR FRIENDS TO LOOK AT AND TALK ABOUT."

THIS IS CHARGED IN A CONFIDENTIAL ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE REPORT ON THE STRANGE SLAVE TRADE AMONG PARAGUAY'S ACHE INDIANS.

SOMETIMES THE CHILDREN ARE SOLD OUTRIGHT BY THEIR TRIBAL ELDERS; SOMETIMES THEY ARE HUNTED AND TRAPPED LIKE ANIMALS BY ACHE HUNTING PARTIES ORGANIZED BY PARAGUAYANS, THE REPORT ALLEGES.

IT ADDS, INTERESTINGLY, THAT THE CHILD PURCHASERS "BELIEVE THEY ARE DOING THE CHILD A FAVOR."

THE PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT SEEMS TO SYMPATHIZE WITH THE ACHE CHILDREN, SAYS THE REPORT, BUT DOES LITTLE TO INTERFERE WITH THE SLAVE TRAFFIC. IN FACT, A PARAGUAYAN ADMINISTRATOR, WHO

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HEADED THE ACHE RESERVATION, ALLEGEDLY WHILED AWAY HIS TIME HUNTING FOR CHILD-SLAVES.

HE WAS FIRED FOR STEALING FUNDS INTENDED FOR THE ACHES, CHARGED WITH DRUNKENNESS AND DETAINED FOR A WEEK, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT. AFTER HIS RELEASE, HE WAS LAST SEEN HEADING FOR THE JUNGLE WITH SOME 20 ACHE INDIANS TO HUNT FOR YOUNGSTERS.

ADDS THE REPORT: "WHITE MEN IN QUEST OF WOOD AND HEART OF PALMS ARE SPEARHEADING THE INVASION OF THE INDIAN DOMAIN. THE MEN WHO DO THIS WORK (ARE DESCRIBED) WHO SHOOT AT ANYTHING THAT MOVES IN THE JUNGLE. FEW INDIANS DO NOT HAVE AT LEAST ONE FAMILY MEMBER WHO HAS NOT BEEN KILLED OR WOUNDED BY ADVENTURERS."

THE ADL REPORT, BY RABBI MORTON ROSENTHAL, ESTIMATES THAT "THE TOTAL ACHE POPULATION IN PARAGUAY MAY BE ABOUT 1,000 IN THE JUNGLE AND ANOTHER 1,000 IN PARAGUAYAN HOMES."

FOOTNOTE: A MODEST PEACE CORPS EFFORT HAS HELPED SOME ACHES LEARN FARMING."

3. "NEW YORK TIMES" OF JAN. 21 PRINTED ARTICLE BY JONATHAN KANDELL DATE LINED ASUNCION, JAN.1, ENTITLED "SLAVERY JUST ONE THREAT FACING PARAGUAY TRIBE." POUCHING TEXT. KISSINGER

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